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Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER May 8, 2017

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1) Sioux City PL Celebrates 140 Years: This month is a milestone for Sioux City Public Library in celebrating 140 years of service. Established by city council ordinance in May of 1877, the first public library in Sioux City opened in the city clerk's office. Initially, there were 550 books, transferred from the Young Men's Literary Association. Today, SCPL's mission is *"to create opportunities for a lifetime of learning to empower and enrich our community."*

Times have indeed changed. Years ago, there were 6 neighborhood branches in addition to the main library building. Today, there are 2 branches—Perry Creek and Morningside. In 1913, a Carnegie library was built at 6th and Douglas Streets and served as the main library for decades. Today, the Wilbur Aalfs Downtown Library occupies a former bank building at 6th and Jackson. And this historical note is especially surprising: it wasn't until 1899 when children under 10 years old were allowed to use public library services! In the current edition of *Library News* *"...we smiled when we read that, given our current emphasis on early childhood literacy..."*

But that was then—stop by Sioux City Public Library to see what it all looks like now! Check out a display of vintage photos and equipment in the lobby of the downtown building. Congratulations to Sioux City Public Library on this milestone 140th anniversary!



2) Two From Iowa Chosen For NASA @ My Library: Seventy-five U.S. public libraries have been selected to receive resources, training and support from **NASA @ My Library**, a STEM education initiative that will increase STEM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation. Notably, two Iowa libraries are among the recipients: **Boone** and **Estherville Public Libraries**.

All winners, selected through a competitive application process from a pool of more than 500 applicants, will participate in an 18-month project (Phase 1), with the opportunity to extend for an additional two-year period (Phase 2) **NASA @ My Library Partners** will receive:

- Two *NASA STEM Facilitation Kits* (total value: \$750) designed for use in hands-on STEM programming
- A tablet computer, pre-loaded with apps and educational games
- A \$500 programming grant
- Inclusion in a two-day NASA workshop in Denver (Feb. 28 to March 1, 2018) with an \$800 stipend for travel costs
- Training webinars about using the **NASA @ My Library** materials in programming.
- Ongoing networking opportunities with participating libraries.

Read more about **NASA @ My Library** program on ALA's website <http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2017/05/75-public-libraries-selected-nasa-my-library-partners> And thanks to Tena Hanson with Estherville PL for this news—congratulations to **Estherville** and **Boone Public Libraries**!

3) OverDrive, SYNC, and YA Audiobooks: This news is thanks to Becky Heil with Southeast District office—the **SYNC program** returns to give your young patrons free audiobooks all summer long! **OverDrive** is once again partnering with **AudioFile** to provide free downloadable young adult audiobooks all summer.



From OverDrive's blog: *"...there are few things more exciting than when the calendar turns to late spring. Schools will soon be letting out and students and parents alike can spend their time enjoying the outdoors. The one thing to be cautious of during these months, however, is the dreaded Summer Slide. As students are away from classrooms, they tend to read less and their comprehension levels can taper off. Luckily, there's a solution that readers of all ages can take advantage of. Audiobooks are wonderful for reading while on the go and thanks to **AudioFile's SYNC program**, you can get two free audiobooks each week for the next 16 weeks straight. **The program started April 27 and runs throughout summer...**"*

OverDrive and **AudioFile** have made this information really easy to share with your patrons, putting together a [ToolKit](#) with flyers, posters and other handouts. While we can't add these titles to the **BRIDGES** collection, anyone can get two free titles (one "classic" and one more contemporary) each week for their personal collection.

For more information, check out [AudioFile's SYNC program](#)



4) New SILO-ILL Suggestions: The State Library's newly revamped **SILO Interlibrary Loan System** opened for business on Monday May 1, when library staff across the state began entering ILL transactions into the new system. It's definitely a fresh look and feel for **SILO-ILL** this spring. Here are a few suggestions for directors and staff to get better acquainted with ILL software changes.

- Tap into **LIBRARY TALK** to read helpful Q&A from your colleagues who are sharing their ILL discoveries. Glenda Mulder with Laurens PL rightly noted *"like with any new software, it takes poking around!"* Your colleagues are doing just that and sharing what they're finding.
- Use staff meetings as a time to learn the new **SILO-ILL System** by exploring it together. This could change previous practices for the better @ your libraries
- See this as a period of adjustment—it's been two weeks. Appreciate that more updates are in development and expected in the coming months
- Contact State Library staff—Des Moines or District offices—with your questions and feedback.

Thanks for your cooperation and your patience!



5) Meetings / Events This Week: **Director Roundtables continue this week in Northwest District—tomorrow May 16 at Spencer PL (May 9th / 9:30AM-12:30PM)** In a facilitated discussion format, the topic this year is ***“The Planning Standard.”*** When public library standards were revised in 2016, the requirement to have a strategic plan changed from a Tier 3 expectation to a Tier 2. This change in standards impacts more libraries than before, making this a timely topic for **Director Roundtables 2017!**

One more **Roundtable** follows—**May 23 @ Inwood PL**. Registration is open in the c.e catalog

<https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index> **Everyone registered is asked to bring along their library’s current planning document** because there will time to practice writing goals and objectives. Thanks to all three host libraries...looking forward to seeing many of you in Spencer and in the weeks to come!

Big Ideas Book Discussion takes up the title ***2-Second Lean*** this **Thursday May 18** (9:30-11:00AM) Theresa McMahon with the Iowa Lean Consortium will help facilitate the discussion.

More national webinars to choose from yet this month. Find descriptions and registration info here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

May 17. 11:00AM-12:00PM. *Franklin Covey’s 7 Habits® Seminar* sponsored by American Management Association <http://www.amanet.org/news/events-calendar.aspx>

May 18. 1:00-2:00PM. *Introduction to Finding Grants* sponsored by Grantspace <http://grantspace.org/Classroom/training-calendar/online>

May 18. 1:00-2:00PM. *Independents Day for Crime Fiction* sponsored by Booklist <https://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

May 18. 1:00-2:00PM. *Successful Volunteer Interview Strategies* sponsored by VolunteerMatch <http://learn.volunteermatch.org/training-topics>

Monday Morning Eye-Opener

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